GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF MEDICAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any change in the medical curriculum is under the consideration of the Government ;

(b) if so, whether a proposal to set up a Curriculum Committee to revise the curriculum is also under the consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to have a compulsory rural stint for medical students before they get their degrees and the same during practice also for a fixed period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Change in the Medical curriculum is a continuous process so as to keep pace with developments in the field of Medical Science. Certain proposals in this regard have been received from the Medical Council of India. The same would be approved by the Government after completing the process of consultation with various stakeholders.

(d) and (e): In view of the need for making medical services available to the rural population, several options including compulsory rural stint for medical students are being deliberated upon.